

EDITORIAL NOTE

The Kimberley Journal is herein fully transcribed. As Kimberley ordinarily wrote in a clear hand, there have been relatively few problems of transcription. The following considerations should, however, be noted:

1. The form and order of the dating has been regularised. This has involved sometimes changing the order of day and month, and sometimes adding the year, to produce the uniform style – ‘24 May 1864’. Days of the week have not been included unless noted by Kimberley. Because Kimberley often wrote up ‘daily’ entries after some days had elapsed, he occasionally misdated them. Conflicting days and dates have been adjusted where positive evidence allows.
2. Punctuation and form have in some cases been regularised. Kimberley wrote quickly, and usually with little regard for punctuation. Sentences often end, for instance, with something more like a dash than a full stop, though the latter almost certainly was intended. Also, it is impossible always to determine when a new paragraph was intended. These have sometimes been introduced, but only when the subject matter seems clearly so to dictate.
3. Editorial comment regarding the integrity of the text has been included in brackets. Excisions, particularly for the period 1869–74, have required a certain amount of in-text editorial comment. Also, where ink blots or unreadable words or phrases remain, these have been noted with an in-text – [ill.]
4. Original spellings have been retained. These often reflect conventions of earlier ages, particularly with regard to foreign-language names. Kimberley sometimes misspelled proper names – ‘Faussett’ for ‘Fawcett’, ‘Jowitt’ for ‘Jowett’ – usually at a first meeting; he often corrected them in later references. Proper spellings and modern transliterations have been included in the notes.

With regard to notes, every effort has been made to identify persons mentioned in the Journal. Frequently, however, a surname alone has not been sufficient in the context of the entry to make a positive identification. In such cases we have avoided speculation. References

to *Hansard* and the *Gladstone Diaries* which are clearly suggested by the dating of Kimberley's own Journal have not been included unless some clarification or substantive issue has required it.